

Serial No. 10/624,898

Election dated December 10, 2004

In Reply of Election/Restriction dated September 13, 2004

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The Election/Restriction requirement dated September 13, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election is requested, and consideration of elected claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 32 are requested. Allowance of the application is likewise requested.

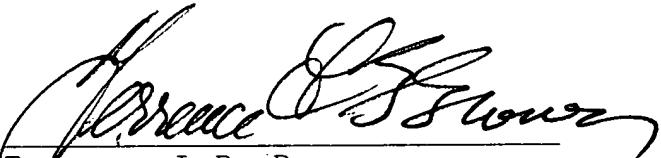
It is believed that no extension fees are due. The Patent Examiner set a three month shortened statutory period for a response in the "period for reply" in the September 13, 2004 Election/Restriction requirement. Accordingly, no extension of time is required. This was confirmed , in the Examiner's absence, with Special Programs Examiner Linda Sholl in a telephone conference on October 22, 2004, in which she reviewed the due dates and agreed that no extension of time was required, as long as Applicant responded by no later than December 13, 2004.

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Should any outstanding formal matters or other issues remain, Examiner Pascua is requested to telephone Terrence Brown to resolve such.

Respectfully submitted,

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